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As one of the proposers I wish to explain the reasons for the presentation of this Resolution Bill concerning the Prosecution of the National Policy, which is being discussed now.

Both the speeches of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister point out to this fact most clearly. We appreciate what has been done so far but desire very earnestly that the Government would further carry on the negotiations with every possible effort, showing the magnanimity of a great people and modestly recognizing the insufficiency of past efforts so that he (T.N.: U.S. President) may be made thoroughly to understand the real situation in East Asia and see not only our true intention but our real ability as well. However, there is naturally a limit to our generosity. If, despite our best and every possible effort, he persists on underestimating our strength and refusing to understand our real intention, and thereby dares to hinder the carrying out of our immovable national policy, by holding to his insolent and menacing attitude toward our Imperial honour and existence, we sincerely wish that the Government will act up to its conviction with a determined attitude. This is the motive for our presentation of the bill. Now I will read the resolution bill.

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The Resolution Bill for the Prosecution of the National Policy.

It is our immovable national policy to promptly settle the troubles in East Asia, permanently realize our principle of co-existence and co-prosperity in the region and thereby contribute to the establishment of world peace. We hope that the Government will break through the present crisis by effectively coping with the situation, both internal and external, and carry out our national policy to success.

I earnestly hope that this bill will fortunately obtain your approval.

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